

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
MAY 8, 2017 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Szymanski called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Szymanski and Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Chief Jeffrey Weissgerber, Treasurer Lynne Orr and Superintendent of Public Works Bud Cowger.

GUESTS: Trustees-elect Todd Kraus and Stacy Mazurek, George Schuitema, Chris Szymanski, William Glass, Brian Cleary, Ronald Mazurek, Kristy Verthein, Ron Stluka, Joan Kuhlman, Denis Tatgenhorst, Brian Dorian and Tammy Wehling.

President Szymanski asked for consideration of the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Board meeting. Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Brian Cleary expressed concerns regarding the Safe Routes to Schools grant project. He said people have been complaining that vehicles are not stopping now that the lights are up. He felt it is unsafe and needs to be addressed. Mr. Cleary asked that they be aggressively enforced or remove the lights. Chief Weissgerber addressed his concerns. The Police Department is doing more traffic enforcement of the areas involved and plan to educate the children to make them understand how the new signals work. Some of the lights involved are not yet working and some trees need to be trimmed for better visibility.

George Schuitema thanked Trustees Ahrendt and Kuhlman for their many years of service to the Village.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Trustee Ahrendt reported that the Beautification Commission’s next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th at 7 p.m.

Trustee Kuhlman reported on the Fourth of July Commission. This year’s raffle car, a Dodge Challenger, has arrived from Pearl Dodge. Rides and attractions will be back in the park this year because the Fire Department owns the parking lot and expressed concerns about damage done to the parking lot last year.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the Youth Commission’s second annual Kentucky Derby fundraiser was held on Saturday at Cardinal Creek Golf Course. It was a huge success and very well attended. Trustee Basile was thanked for his work at this event.

Trustee Basile reported on the Ribbon of Hope Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m. All park benches have been sold and the ribbon should be dedicated this fall.

Trustee Wehling reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at 10 a.m. A new sign is being made by Watseka Sign and six plaques have been ordered to be installed in front of different landmarks in the Village.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TREASURER’S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer’s report was provided to the Board for review and the Treasurer was present to answer questions. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the Report of Financial Activity in the prior month. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the preceding month were provided in the packet for review.

A list of bills totalling \$198,857.71 to be paid was available for review. A summary of the bills and bills added to the list since emailed to the Board the previous week was provided. Trustee Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills as presented. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered granting a Special Use Permit for outdoor seating at 618 Gould Street (Stluka). The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) held a hearing and recommended that the special use permit be approved for outdoor seating at 618 Gould Street subject to the following six conditions:

1. Maximum occupancy of 48 patrons on the patio.
2. The patio and perimeter walls be designed and constructed as presented.
3. Lighting shall be such that no ambient light protrude onto surrounding property.
4. The patio may not be occupied between the hours of 10 pm and 11am Sunday through Thursday and 11pm to 11am on Friday and Saturday.
5. With the exception of live entertainment, amplification of sound shall not leave the property. In other words, if sound amplification can be heard off premise it is too loud.
6. Any live entertainment shall be at the specific approval of the Village Liquor Commissioner.

ORDINANCE #1261 - An Ordinance granting a special use permit for outdoor seating at 618 Gould Street, subject to the above six conditions. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1261. Trustee Basile seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered granting a variance for a solid fence in the front yard setback of a corner lot at 159 Bald Eagle Lane. The petitioners, have an autistic child with a service dog and wish to install a fence to provide the child with a secure play area away from the street. A church is donating the fence for this family. After due notice and public hearing, the PZC recommended approval of the variance. The top one foot of the fence will be open and decorative in nature.

ORDINANCE #1262 - An Ordinance granting a variance for a solid fence in the front yard setback of a corner lot at 159 Bald Eagle Lane. Trustee Ahrendt made a motion to approve Ordinance #1262. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Ahrendt, Kypuros, Wehling, Kuhlman, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Outgoing Trustees Kuhlman and Ahrendt were recognized and thanked for their service to the Village and presented with plaques by President Szymanski.

Circuit Judge Dave Carlson swore in the newly elected Board members: President Szymanski and Trustees Wehling, Kraus and Mazurek.

President Szymanski announced some of his 2017/2018 appointments. Further appointments will be made at the next Board meeting.

President Szymanski's Partial list of 2017-18 Appointments:

Village President Pro-Tem: Scott Wehling

Finance and Administration Committee:

Chair: Frank Basile

Co-Chair: Marcy Meyer

Public Safety Committee:

Chair: Todd Kraus

Co-Chair: Scott Wehling

Public Works Committee:

Chair: Jonathan Kypuros

Co-Chair: Stacy Mazurek

Economic Development and Community Relations Committee:

Chair: Marcy Meyer

Co-Chair: Frank Basile

Public Buildings and Properties, Parks and Recreation:

Chair: Scott Wehling

Co-Chair: Todd Kraus

Planning, Building and Zoning:

Chair: Stacy Mazurek

Co-Chair: Jonathan Kypuros

ESDA Coordinator: Denis Tatgenhorst

Village Administrator and Zoning Administrator and Economic Development: Robert Barber

Village Clerk: Janett Conner

Village Prosecutor: Tom Knuth

Village Corporate Counsel: Tim Kuiper, Austgen and Kuiper, P.C.

Code Enforcement Officer: Denis Tatgenhorst

IML Delegate: Greg Szymanski

Chief of Police: Jeff Weissgerber

Public Works Superintendent: Bud Cowger

Building Department Services: Safebuilt, Inc.

EASTCOM and Laraway Communications Board of Directors:

Member: Bob Barber, Alternate: Todd Kraus

Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary: Patty Meyer

Joint Fuel Committee: Greg Szymanski and Robert Barber

Village Engineer: Baxter and Woodman: (project engineers TBD on a case by case basis)

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Bob Heim (term expires 5/1/20)

Diane Carson (term expires 5/1/20)

Bill Hearn (term expires 5/1/18)

Phil Serviss (term expires 5/1/18)

George Schuitema (term expires 5/1/18)

Denis Tatgenhorst (term expires 5/1/19)

Kevin Bouchard (term expires 5/1/19)

Trustee Wehling made a motion to approve President Szymanski's appointments as stated.

Trustee Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Kypuros, Wehling, Kraus, Basile and Meyer.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Szymanski said new tablets were handed out to Board members tonight for future Board meeting packets except Trustees Mazurek and Kraus because he is having problems setting up their emails.

President Szymanski said he had a request for a block party from Rebecca Kerr to be held on Saddle Run on June 3rd. There were no objections to the block party.

President Szymanski provided an update on the Crete CSX Intermodal. He heard that the CSX Railroad pulled out of the project. However, he also heard that Great Lakes Railway has filed for their own proposed project.

Administrator Barber reported that he received confirmation today that the Village's IEPA loan for the watermain project has been approved. Work should begin after the 4th of July.

Trustee Basile said he would like to bring up the wooden boardwalk on Gould Street for reconsideration at the next Board meeting. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for reconsideration.

There being no further business, President Szymanski asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wehling seconded the motion.
AYES: (6) Trustees Mazurek, Kypuros, Wehling, Kraus, Basile and Meyer.
NAYS: (0) None.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Cake and refreshments were provided following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk